

CLIMATE CHANGE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 1 – Emissions Reduction Targets

Annual targets

16. Subsection (1) of section 3 requires the Scottish Ministers to set annual targets for the maximum amount of the net Scottish emissions account for each year in the period 2010 to 2050 and must ensure that those targets are not exceeded.
17. Subsection (2) sets out criteria that the annual targets must meet. Paragraph (a) specifies that the annual target for the year 2010 is an amount which is less than the estimated net Scottish emissions account for 2009. Paragraph (b) requires that the targets for each year in the period 2011 to 2019 must be set so that each is consistent with a reduction that is in line with achieving the interim target and the 2050 target. Paragraph (c) requires that the targets for each year in the period 2020 to 2050 must be set so that each is consistent with a reduction that is in line with achieving the 2050 target, and that each annual target is an amount which is at least 3% less than the target for the preceding year.